

THE RESTORATION OF PALESTINE APPEALS TO LIBERAL HUMANITY.

(By Nathan Straus).

Because of intolerable persecutions and privations, both intensified since the war, one of the greatest migrations in history is now taking place throughout Central and Eastern Europe.

It is an unled flight of Jews wandering painfully in search of the Promised Land.

Behind them lies slaughter or starvation. They must move on or perish. And so thousands are going by the only transport available—on foot—hoping somehow to reach the new Zion in Palestine, the only goal of hope they know.

The suffering in this weary march of impoverished pilgrims through lands of inhospitable and bare is unimaginable. Its pathways are literally strewn with folk stricken with hunger or disease.

This is only the beginning of the tide. Let some measure of peace and order come to the present areas of persecution, and hosts of Jews, now unable to migrate, will join the exodus.

But the new Zion is unready. Before Palestine can accommodate hopefully the six million of Jews expected to populate it a great campaign of restoration and construction must be financed and achieved.

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Lands now in private ownership must be purchased. Water supplies and power must be conserved. Cities and towns must be drained and cleansed. Arid soils must be irrigated and protected by planted trees. Natural resources must be surveyed and started in the way of development. There must be technical laboratories for agriculture and industry, and projects of development must be organized and equipped.

Moreover, if Palestine is not to be submerged by an influx of miserable pilgrims before it is made ready for them, a wide-spread campaign of education, retardation and relief must be undertaken in those countries where the migration is now so inopportune beginning.

All of which will require a great sum of money, and an even greater outpouring of administrative genius, statesmanship and patience.

The Zionist Organization of America presided over by Judge Julian W. Mack with Mr. Justice Brandeis as honorary president, has undertaken to get some of the money. It has decided to appeal for \$10,000,000.

Part of the money it secures is to go into foundation building of the new Zion, part into promotion of enterprise now operative in Palestine, particularly Hebrew educational work, sanitation, housing reform, communal organization and loans to agricultural and industrial organizations and co-operative groups.

We are glad that the appeal is not to be limited to Jews. Although this great effort to restore the Jewish commonwealth, provide an asylum for the oppressed and permit Jewish nationalism to make an unfettered contribution to modern culture is necessarily of the first importance to Jews, on its economic and humane side it profoundly interests and elicits the sympathy of all liberals.

Christians especially will consider it a privilege to aid in making the Holy Land a new land of industry and democracy.

PALESTINE FROM DAY TO DAY.

(Special Correspondence of the Palestine News Agency of the American Zionist Publicity Department.)

With the beginning of the new school year, all the schools have received fresh pupils. It has been found necessary to open another kindergarten, and the Vaad Hachinuch announced that it would open classes for commerce and English. There is a woeeful lack of new text books.

To bring down the price of flour, the Vaad Hair of Jerusalem has succeeded in purchasing through the authorities a quantity of flour from Egypt, free of duty.

Haddassah, through its School Hygiene Committee of Palestine, has been giving special attention to pupils needing medical aid, and has assigned doctors to take care of these pupils.

In order to maintain a high standard, the Hebrew Doctors Conference, which took place in Jaffa on November 4th, decided to admit as members of the Medical Association it organized, only such doctors of medicine, veterinary doctor, and chemists who reach the educational standard they have set. It proposed to nationalize Medical Aid Service.

Hebrew is one of the official languages of Haifa. All proclamations, tenders, and other public notices, published by the Military Governor, are issued in Hebrew as well as in other languages.

A group of rabbis has decided to issue in book form the statements of authoritative rabbis on the obligation to learn Hebrew.

Another one of the Kaiser's pet schemes will have to die. According to a Zurich paper, plans are being prepared for a London to Jerusalem railway, instead of the Berlin to Bagdad road, planned by his erstwhile Majesty.

The Sanitary Committee of the Vaad Hair of Jerusalem, has urged the Jewish inhabitants to connect their houses with the Drainage System that was erected recently.

"Haam," a Hebrew weekly, will shortly make its appearance in Palestine under the editorship of Messrs. I. Yellinfi Bardaki, and Ber Horim.

A census of the Jews in Jerusalem will be begun shortly under the auspices of the Vaad Hair of that city.

In order to give the many orphans of Palestine a means of supporting themselves, the Zionist Commission has placed about 100 orphans as apprentices to various trades. When they finish their apprenticeship, and can earn their own livelihood, they will cease to be supported by the Relief Committee.

LOCKHART NEWS.

Mr. Morris Wolf of Runge visited relatives the past week.

Mrs. P. Glossman and son, Maurice, have returned from Dallas, where they went in the interest of their business.

Mr. Jake Freedman visited his mother here one day before leaving for an extended trip north.

Mrs. Max Mellinger and children who spent several weeks with her mother, Mrs. Freedman, have returned to their home in Kennedy.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mellinger of Menard visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hafin the past week.

Mrs. E. Seigel and daughter, Felice Joy of Yorktown are the guests of Mrs. Seigels' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Schwartz en route to their new home in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Schwartz entertained with a six o'clock dinner Sunday evening celebrating the birthdays of the hostess and her daughter, Mrs. E. Seigel. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. A. Weinbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Maier and Miss Marcelle Maier, Mrs. E. Seigel and daughter, Felice, Mrs. Louis Rosenwasser and little daughter, Bernice, and Mrs. Chas. Strauss and son, Robert Schwarz. Later in the evening other friends came in to extend best wishes for many happy returns of the day.

Mr. Louis Rosenwasser has returned from Merkel and will remain here from now on, he having disposed of

the L. Schwarz & Co. interests in their dry goods store there to Mr. E. Seigel.

Mrs. Lee Loman has gone to Dallas to be with her husband during his house season there.

Mr. Chas. Strauss is visiting his wife and son for a few days.

Mrs. A. Maier and daughter, Marcelle, have gone to San Antonio to be present at the graduation of her daughter, Frieda there this week.

TWO NEW JEWISH SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

Budapest: (By I. J. P. B.) The local Jewish Community has undertaken to found two Jewish high schools, one for boys and the other for girls. In these schools, Jewish and Hebrew studies will have the most important place in the curriculum.

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